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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting No. 16
President's Conference Room
4:00 p.m. - 5:05 p.m.

June 3, 1974

Members Present: Tom Henry, Jeff Kolasa, Normand Madore, Arlan Helgeson
(for the Administration), Robert Sutherland, Pat Tarrant
Visitor: Arley Gillett

The establishment of a screening committee for athletic director was discussed. Dr. Gillett stated that there was no established procedures for this committee, but that he had tried to parallel the organization of the selection committees for academic units. He stated that the committee would be composed of two coaches elected by the coaching staff, one woman from women's athletics, one student elected by the Student Association, one alumnus(a) elected by the Alumni Association, one faculty member elected by the Academic Senate, and one member of the Athletic Council. Dr. Gillett will chair the committee. He stated that July 10 was the deadline for applications with a target date of early August for the appointment. Mr. Madore asked if this compressed timetable would violate affirmative action guidelines. Mr. Gillett stated that the notice of the vacancy would get wide publicity. Dean Helgeson stated that affirmative action guidelines require that you show an earnest effort to get it before people. A mailing to all the major conferences would get to most Universities. It was recommended that the Executive Committee elect a faculty member now with ratification by the Senate at the June 26 meeting. A motion (Mr. Madore, Mr. Tarrant) to follow this procedure was approved. A question arose if the director could be a woman, and if more women could be on the committee. Dr. Gillett responded that this job is director of intercollegiate athletics for men, and although women's athletics naturally would be of concern to the director, he does not have the women's program under his jurisdiction. The floor was opened for nominations. Mr. Madore nominated Thomas Fitch of Curriculum and Instruction. Mr. Sutherland nominated Charles Sherman, Curriculum and Instruction. A motion (Mr. Tarrant, Mr. Kolasa) to close nominations was approved. The nominators provided background data on the two nominees. In the election which followed Thomas Fitch was elected. The ratification of the election of Mr. Fitch to the selection committee for the athletic director was placed on the agenda for the June 26 meeting.

A letter of resignation from Max Rennels was read. A motion (Mr. Madore, Mr. Henry) to accept the resignation with regret was approved. Mr. Madore stated that the Senate needed to examine what was happening to see if this was part of a pattern. The method of filling the vacancy was then discussed. Because there were no vacancies in the College of Fine Arts at the last election, there is no list of current runners-up. A motion (Mr. Madore, Mr. Henry) to ask the College of Fine Arts to hold a special election was approved. Mr. Madore restated his call for a discussion of the causes of the unwillingness of people to participate in governance. He stated the need to investigate the causes of the disinterest and disenchantment was critical.

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A memo from the Economic Well Being Committee re tuition waivers for survivors of staff members at ISU, SSU, and NIU, who died while under contract was discussed. Questions arose about the participation of civil service staff and about extending the program of tuition waiver to include all staff members' spouses and dependents. A motion (Mr. Madore, Mr. Henry) to send the memo to the Faculty Affairs Committee for their consideration was approved.

A memo from Laurance Quane re the Election Committee's interpretation of voting eligibility was referred to the Rules Committee on motion (Mr. Madore, Mr. Henry).

A letter from the accused requesting specific data relative to the AFT Committee investigation was discussed. A motion (Mr. Tarrant, Mr. Henry) to provide those items specifically requested was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.